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SUBJECT: GIRM REQUESTS EMERGENCY AIRLIFT

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 674 AND 601

SUMMARY: GIRM REQUESTS C-130 AIRLIFT EMERGENCY GRAIN NOUAKCHOTT--

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NEMA. GIRM ALSO ASKING FRG PROVIDE SIMILAR AIRLIFT CAPACITY.

ACTION REQUESTED: INTERIM INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESPONSE GIRM AIRLIFT REQUEST.

1. MET TODAY WITH GIRM RELIEF COORDINATOR MINHEALTH OULD BABA AND OFFICIALLY INFORMED HIM USG HAS COMMITTED 18 THOUSAND TONS FOOD GRAIN MAURITANIA (STATE 163976). MINISTER EXPRESSED GRATITUDE QUICK US RESPONSE HIS REQUEST ADDITIONAL GRAIN AND SAID HE HOPED SHIPMENTS WOULD BEGIN ARRIVING BEFORE END SEPTEMBER IN LIGHT OF FACT GIRM GRAIN STOCKS REACHING CRITICAL LOW POINT. ALSO TOOK OPPORTUNITY GIVE MINISTER COPY DATT DAKAR AIRFIELD SURVEY DATED AUGUST 7.

2. MINISTER READ FRENCH SUMMARY OF REPORT WITH INTEREST AND ANNOUNCED HE HAD DIRECTED MINFORNAFFS FORMALLY REQUEST USG AND FRG PROVIDE EMERGENCY GRAIN AIRLIFT TO NEMA (FIRST REGION) WHERE GRAIN STOCKS EXHAUSTED AND WHICH NOW COMPLETELY CUT OFF BY RAINS FROM OVERLAND ACCESS. HE SAID GIRM WOULD REQUIRE MINIMUM ONE C-130 OR C-160 TYPE AIRCRAFT FOR UNDETERMINED PERIOD OF TIME TO RELIEVE SITUATION. MINISTER ADDED THAT AIRLIFT MIGHT ALSO BE NECESSARY TO OTHER POINTS IN FIRST, SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH REGIONS WHICH ALSO CUT OFF BY RAINS. FYI DATT REPORT INDICATED C-130 AIRLIFT INTO NEMA POSSIBLE ONLY RPT ONLY WITH REDUCED LOADS OF ABOUT TEN TONS. END FYI.

3. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH OULD BABA, CONTACTED FRG AMBASSADOR WHO AWARE FORTHCOMING GIRM AIRLIFT REQUEST. HE SAID HE WOULD INFORM HIS GOVERNMENT ONLY AFTER GETTING FORMAL WORD FROM FORNMIN, AND NOTED HE BELIEVED GRAIN AIRLIFT MOST INEFFICIENT AND EXPENSIVE WAY MOVE BULK STOCKS SUCH AS WHEAT.

4. SPANISH CHARGE INFORMS GIRM REQUESTED SPANISH AIRCRAFT SOME TWO MONTHS AGO. AT THAT TIME, GOS REPLIED IT WILLING SUPPLY TWO DC-4S AND TWO DC-3S ON CONDITION GIRM PAY FUEL COSTS. GIRM RESPONDED IT WILLING EXEMPT FROM ALL TAXES ANY FUEL USED IN SPANISH AIRLIFT AND SUPPLY LODGING FOR AIR CREWS, BUT COULD NOT PAY FOR FUEL. NEGOTIATIONS REST AT THIS POINT WITH SPANISH CHARGE AWAITING RESPONSE FROM MADRID.

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5. EXPECT FORMAL MINFORNAFFS AIRLIFT REQUEST TODAY OR TOMORROW. THEREFORE NEED INTERIM INSTRUCTIONS AND INDICATION ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS GIRM SHOULD PROVIDE RE AIRLIFT REQUEST. FYI: CDC DR. GREENE PLANS VISIT NEMA WEEK OF AUG 27. END FYI.

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